

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 120

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry Dale on the occasion of his retirement as manager of the Williamson Farmers Co-op.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Larry Dale is one such estimable person, who served with distinction for forty-two years as the manager of the Williamson Farmers Co-op in Franklin, from which position he took a much-deserved retirement on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a Franklin native, Mr. Dale learned the importance of farming from his father, who was a foreman on one of Williamson County's largest farms; and

WHEREAS, Larry Dale returned home after graduating from the University of Tennessee at Martin and began his career with the Williamson Farmers Co-op on April 15, 1973; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Williamson County transitioned from an agrarian-based community to a more urban community; as manager, Mr. Dale successfully transitioned the co-op to accommodate the new, nonfarming clientele while continuing to fulfill the needs of local farmers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dale's customers and employees have revered his agricultural knowledge and work ethic, and now they anticipate his return to the co-op on a part-time, as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Larry Dale looks forward to traveling with his wife, Patti, and spending more time with their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dale exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Larry Dale has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his employees and customers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Larry Dale our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.